## National Lakes Assessment Project (NLAP): Enhancements for Minnesota

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USEPA is leading a survey of the Nation's lakes in conjunction with the states in 2007. A total of 909 lakes are included in this survey. Minnesota's NLAP effort is lead by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Minnesota drew 41 lakes as a part of the initial draw for this statistically-based national survey effort and added nine lakes to allow for state-based assessment. Communication with various groups around the state led to several enhancements that were added to the base-level program including: collaboration with USFS in sampling in the BWCA Wilderness; near-shore assessments that included macrophyte identification and determination of maximum rooting depth of plants; sampling in support of lake IBI development; measurement of water Hg; measurement of water pesticides in conjunction with an ongoing MN Department of Agriculture Program; measurement of sediment contaminants to provide improved baseline and spatial data; and a region-wide assessment of the Prairie Pothole Region conducted in conjunction with the states of ND, SD, MT, and IA.

The presentation will provide a brief update of 2007 NLAP survey efforts, progress to date on data analysis and potential future applications of this dataset.

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